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A time to rebuild

By WILLIAM L. TRIMYER
A Time To Rebuild
Lesson for August 10, 1980
Scripture Reference: Haggai: Zechariah 1:1-6; 7-8; Ezra 3-4
Focal Passages: Haggai 1:2-9; Zechariah 8:14-17; Ezra 3:8-13
Delayed Construction [Ezra 3-4]

Following a fire, flood, or hurricane, the primary focus of energies are aimed at cleaning up and rebuilding. Two years ago an arsonist set fire to the beautiful chapel of Notre Dame Cathedral in Montreal, Canada. Work was almost immediately begun to reconstruct this sacred structure. Its history, beauty, and importance to the people dictate the expense and time to rebuild it.

The Jewish exiles lost their sacred Temple during the Babylonian attack. Throughout the period of exile there existed a flame of hope to one day rebuild and reconstruct their sacred Temple.

Ezra reveals that generous contributions were made toward the expenses of rebuilding. It wasn't long following the return of the captives to their homeland that they began the task of rebuilding the Temple. Rebuilding their place of worship was equally as important as rebuilding homes.

The return of the exiles was not met with enthusiasm by all who live in Palestine. The Samaritans who settled in Northern Israel were not all that excited to see their return. After all, seventy years is a long time for a group of people to be away from their land. Lots of changes had taken place and those living there had established themselves in businesses and homes. For some, the returning exiles may have met the qualifications for being an outsider or stranger!

Because of the strife between the Samaritans and the Jews, the king issued a ban against any further reconstruction. For years to come the Temple remained in an uncompleted state.

Encouragement To Rebuild [Hag. 1:1-9]

Every now and then you spot a foundation where someone began a new structure, but for one reason or another the building was called off. Those lonely looking uncompleted structures may tell the tale of broken dreams and unfulfilled aspirations. In some instances, it is simply a lack of incentive and enthusiasm.

This seemed to be the case with the Jews in relationship to the completion of the Temple. Their earlier enthusiasm had died down. They had become so preoccupied in building their home that they lost interest in building the Lord's House. (see vs. 9)

God went to work by calling out the prophets Haggai and Zechariah to rekindle the fires of reconstruction. Without this central place of worship and visible reminder of the Lord, the people might have fallen again into disobedience and worship of other gods.

Whenever we put ourselves at center stage, we are apt to place God behind the scenes. God requires at least some part in the drama of our lives. The more role we allow him the more richer and fulfilling our lives shall be. He opens for us new avenues of blessing and opportunity. He gives us vision to see and provisions to meet our needs.

Haggai confronted the people with the fact that they should evaluate their self-centeredness in light of their forgotten duty to God. We in affluent America might compare our economic spending on ourselves and our homes with what we give to God's house!

Fortunately, Haggai's words did not fall on deaf ears. Under the leadership of Zarubbabel and Joshua, the people redirected their time and energies to rebuilding the Temple. And God encouraged their efforts with his reassuring words, "I am with you." Those same words are later echoed by Christ to all who seek to "build" in his name.

The Outlook For The Future [Zech. 8:14-17]

Zechariah was a prophet who spoke in symbolic language. He speaks to the people concerning the use of commemorative feasts to remember the disasters of Jerusalem's fall. Zechariah speaks on behalf of personal conduct over that of rituals.

What is the test of true religion? Can rituals take the place of a ministry to the needy? Do we sometimes idolize certain rituals to the point we miss the flesh and blood needs of people?

Zechariah indicates (as did Amos) that our social relationships become the test of true religion. Acts of worship are but half of the test. God requires our worship and our services to a broken humanity. In Christ's name we participate in the ministry of healing.

Dr. Trimyer is pastor of Elon Baptist Church in Pamplin, Va.

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The art of language

By P. E. LEONARD, JR., Minister, Memorial United Methodist Church, Appomattox.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus discusses the matter of swearing, of using God's name in vain and of cursing. There was a common practice of taking oaths, and whether they were binding depended on what you swore by. Jesus later ridiculed the Pharisees who had made the laws, splitting hairs whether it was binding to swear by the Temple or the gold on the Temple. (Mt. 23:16 & 17)

Language is truly an art. There is a lot of communication without words. We convey our happiness or sadness on our faces. We show our joy or anger in our actions. We show our greetings or our threats with gestures. Yet, words clarify what is going on in the mind, how a person thinks and feels. There is a real art in being able to say what you are thinking, and say it in such a way that another person understands.

There is a lot of talk today. Truly, talk is cheap. A lot of talk is double-talk, saying something vaguely so it can be interpreted later in which ever way is favorable, depending on the circumstances. A lot of talk is vain, centering only on self. A lot of talk is deceiving, telling only what another wants to hear rather than the truth. A lot of talk is just endless chatter, leaving little time to really share and understand.

Words, language, the ability to speak intelligibly is a God-given gift that is essential in all of life - in the home, at school, with neighbors, at business. It is essential to all areas of life. It is the gift by which we have come to know God most. Jesus communicated, he taught, he used words.

Jesus instructs us to use language carefully and faithfully. It is the vehicle for truth. It is a gift to be able to say what we mean. It is an even greater gift to mean what we say. "Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil." (Matthew 5:37)

Letter

Thespian kudos

Editor:

This past weekend, a cast and crew of some thirty people saw a dream become a reality and a reality become a success. With the finalization of Depot Dramatics' first production, "Bye, Bye, Birdie," we are well pleased with its reception and we must thank you, the town and community of Appomattox, for your support.

We will never be able to adequately thank all the businesses and individuals who donated their money or goods but we are grateful. A special thank goes to all the parents, husbands, and wives who saw to it that the cast and crew made each rehearsal. Thank you for your involvement and understanding.

Very few are aware of the time and work that was put into "Bye, Bye, Birdie" and we thank all those who helped. However, our biggest thanks goes to Debbie Rush and Joyce Sweet who gave unselfishly of their time and talents to create Depot Dramatics. Their patience and work were the backbone of our production and we are well aware of the fact that without them, there would be no community theatre.

The cast and crew of "Bye, Bye Birdie" would like to give you, the community, a standing ovation-your encouragement and support have determined our existence and continuation. Thank you. You have convinced us that a community theatre can be more than a dream.

The Cast and Crew of "Bye, Bye Birdie"

Class for special ed. parents slated

A special ten-week parenting class for parents of children in special education programs will be held at Lynchburg College beginning Monday, Sept. 8. The emphasis of the course is on discipline in the home.

The offering is part of a grant funded under Title IA, HEA funds. Instructors for the course are Judy Glass, director of the Learning Bridge, and Dr. Ken West, associate professor at Lynchburg College.

Applications can be secured by calling Lynchburg College Education Department, 845-9071, ext. 333. The class will be limited to the first ten applicants.

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MEMBERS OF THE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST YOUTH Fellowship are pictured in front of their lodge at Lake Junaluska as they attended youth week activities there, July 20-24. Twenty-four youth and six counselors attended the retreat in the Smokey Mountains of North Carolina. Those attending were: Kari Anderson, Jane Guill, Susan George, M. J. House, Paige Jones, Donna Layne, Keith Leonard, Neal Leonard, Darryl MacIntosh, Nancy Morris, Ryan Murphy, Jill Noble, Dawn Pitsenberger, Steve Poole, Donna Robinson, Kalckie Robinson, Elizabeth Saunders, Esther Saunders, Allen Smith, Blair Smith, Cheryl Walton, Laura Walton, Debbie Williams and Corey Murphy. The adult leaders were Mrs. Anne Robinson, Mr. Richard Robinson, Mrs. Patsy Murphy, Mr. Roland Murphy, Mrs. Becky Leonard and Mr. Edward Leonard.

AMS registration slated

Any 7th or 8th grade student new to Appomattox County this year should come by Appomattox Middle School to register and choose subjects for the coming year if he or she has not already done so.

A parent or guardian should accompany the student when he or she officially registers.

Registration is done in the guidance office, the small green building next to the county library. Counselors will work with parents and students in selection of subjects and in answering any other questions they may have. If you wish to talk to the counselors or to make an appointment, please call 352-2135.

Herncall, Morgan return

The Virginia Education Association Leadership Academy was held July 27-30 at Longwood College. Bonnie Herncall, president of the Appomattox County Education Association worked in the President's School and Janet Morgan participated in the School of Instruction on Tuesday and Wednesday.

On Monday teachers attended elective sessions concerning community support, the New Right Movement, rights of teachers, issue organizing, and reduction in force.

The A.C.E.A. will hold its first executive meeting Wednesday night at 7:30. Plans for the coming year will be discussed and committees will be set up. The A.C.E.A. is looking forward to a good year for all teachers and students.

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Statement of Resources and Liabilities

ASSETS	Thousands of dollars
Cash and due from depository institutions	991,980
U.S. Treasury securities	28,443
Obligations of other U.S. Government agencies and corporations	54,660
Obligations of States and political subdivisions in the United States	74,148
Other bonds, notes, and debentures	90
Federal Reserve stock and corporate stock	571
Trading account securities	399
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	52,500
Loans, Total (excluding unearned income) $979,286	
Less: Allowance for possible loan losses $ 5,315	
Loans, Net	360,941
Lease financing receivables	2,287
Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises	10,260
Real estate owned other than bank premises	160
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	None
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	5,150
Other assets	7,695
TOTAL ASSETS	$1,593,898

LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	$111,498
Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	384,334
Deposits of United States Government	600
Deposits of States and political subdivisions in U.S.	16,961
Deposits of foreign governments and official institutions	4,333
Deposits of commercial banks	334
Certified and officers' checks	3,773
Total Deposits	523,101
Total Demand deposits $139,033	
Total time and savings deposits $384,068	
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	96,611
Interest-bearing demand notes (note balances) issued to the U.S. Treasury	2,410
Other Liabilities for borrowed money	12,775
Mortgage indebtedness and liability for capitalized leases	7,603
Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding	5,150
Other liabilities	10,397
TOTAL LIABILITIES (excluding subordinated notes and debentures)	$658,455
Subordinated notes and debentures	None

EQUITY CAPITAL	
Preferred stock	
No. shares outstanding None (par value)	None
Common Stock	
No. shares authorized 614,064	
No. shares outstanding 614,064	
Par value	6,141
Surplus	12,887
Undivided profits	36,115
Reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves	None
TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL	45,143
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL	703,598

MEMORANDA	
Amounts outstanding as of report date:	
Standby letters of credit	
Standby letters of credit, total	8,221
Amount of standby letters of credit conveyed to others through participations	None
Time certificates of deposit in denominations of $100,000 or more	16,183
Other time deposits in amounts of $100,000 or more	7,012
Average for 30 calendar days (or calendar month) ending with report date:	
Cash and due from depository institutions	70,108
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	28,136
Total loans	370,708
Time certificates of deposits in denominations of $100,000 or more	17,567
Total deposits	514,335
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	69,999
Other liabilities for borrowed money	11,666
TOTAL ASSETS	694,234

I, Robert D. Davis, Senior Vice Pres. & Controller of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this Report of Condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
ROBERT D. DAVIS
July 29, 1980

We, the undersigned directors attest the correctness of this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief is true and correct.

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Central Fidelity Banks

Mrs. Paul Mark Frazier

Mrs. Emmett Bruce Williams

Miss Bussey is wed to Mr. Frazier

Miss Stephanie Lynn Bussey of Roanoke, Virginia was married to Paul Mark Frazier of Lexington, Kentucky, Saturday evening at 7 o'clock in the Windsor Hills United Methodist Church, Roanoke. The Reverend Waller of Shepherdsville, Kentucky and Mr. Billy Paul Frazier of Whitesburg, Kentucky.

Mrs. Carolyn Victorine of Roanoke presented the organ music and Mr. Frank D. Morris, Jr. of Roanoke sang "The Lord's Prayer." Mr. Jeffry Drinkard of Appomattox served as acolyte.

The bride, escorted by her cousin, Charles Thomas Moses, III of Appomattox, wore her mother's gown of ivory satin designed of the princess line with a silk illusion yoke encrusted with appliqued lace blossoms and cap sleeves. The full length skirt which had three French lace fans inserted in the front, terminated in a cathedral train.

Her head dress was an ivory satin Juliet cap, designed by her aunt, Mrs. Charles Thomas Moses, Jr., with appliqued lace, which held a cathedral length veil, worn by her aunt, Mrs. Paul F. Webster. She carried a colonial bouquet of white roses showered with stephanotis. Lace gauntlets covered her arms and pointed over her hands.

Janet Mohrmann Schumacher of Belleville, Illinois was her matron of honor. She wore a sunset chiffon gown with drop shoulders giving short sleeve effect, on a fitted empire bodice with soft A-line skirt.

The bridesmaids were Karen Phillips Coffey of Lubbock, Texas; Linda Moses Mays of Appomattox, Virginia; Deborah Mitchell of Roanoke; Elizabeth Miller Parrish of Richmond, Virginia; Deborah Reese of Honolulu, Hawaii; Linda Wallace and Rebecca Wallace of San Antonio, Texas. Junior bridesmaid was Carol Montana. All the gowns were fashioned like that of the matron of honor and the attendants carried colonial bouquets of pink sweetheart roses showered with baby's breath.

Flower girls were Catherine Martin and Anna Sydnor of Roanoke. Their floor length ivory gowns complemented that of the bride, and their colonial bouquets consisted of pink and white sweetheart roses showered with baby's breath.

Scott Frazier of Lexington served as his brother's best man. The ushers were Ramsey Burton, Jr. and Mark Farley of Louisville, Kentucky; James Butcher of Taylor Mill, Kentucky; Charles White and Ronald White of Lexington, Rocky Frazier of Blackey, Kentucky; and Charles Moses, III of Appomattox. The junior usher was John Waller of Louisville.

Immediately following the ceremony a reception was given at Hotel Roanoke.

Following a wedding trip in the Caribbean, the couple will reside in Louisville, Kentucky.

Miss Pitsenberger to wed Dr. Umstott

Mrs. Jean Pitsenberger of Appomattox announces the engagement of her daughter, Sandra Jean, to Dr. Paul Umstott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Umstott of Romney, W. Va.

Miss Pitsenberger is a graduate of Riverside School of Nursing and will graduate from the Medical College of Virginia this month as a Certified Nurse Anesthetist.

Clapp family holds reunion

The family of Mrs. John M. Clapp and the late Mr. Clapp, held their family reunion on Sunday at the Clapp home.

Those attending were: Mrs. Clapp, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Cobb, Gibsonville, N.C., Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Clapp, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bane, Charlotte and Jamie, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Clapp, all of Appomattox; Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Bean, Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. John Franklin, Jr., Rachel and Elizabeth of Spout Spring; Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Clapp and grandchildren, Andrea and Lisa Holland of Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clapp, Winston Salem, N.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Enid Clapp and Neal, of Richmond; Mr. and mrs. Harold Clapp, Hyattsville, Md.; Mr. Mark Clapp, Charlotte, N.C. and Mr. and Mrs. John Clapp and David, of Richmond.

Also, Miss Susan McLaughlin, Blacksburg, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Clapp, and Richard of Bluefield, W. Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whitehurst of Durham, N.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Martin, Mr. and Mrs. James Lucado, Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Martin, all of Appomattox; Mr. and Mrs. David Heath and Matthew of Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. Ean Clapp, Madison Heights; Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Cruser, Rustburg; and Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Clapp, Charlottesville, Va.

Other visitors in the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Deadmon, Petersburg, Va. and Mr. Lacy Sharp, Appomattox.

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Ms. Crawford wed to Mr. Williams

The marriage of Ms. Susan Bobbette Crawford of Newport News, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Crawford, to Emmett Bruce Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard T. Wiliams, Sr. of Pamplin, took place July 19, at 4:00 p.m. in the Memorial Chapel at Fort Eustis, Va.

James L. Juham, chaplain, performed the double-ring ceremony against a background of spring flowers and candelabras. Wedding music was provided by the organist of Fort Eustis and Noami Clements, soloist.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown peau-de-soie with a chapel train. Her chapel length veil was made of Italian lace. She carried a colonial bouquet of yellow daisies and baby carnations and sweetheart roses.

Miss Joni Suzette Hann of Newport News was her maid of honor. She wore a yellow gown with a white chiffon cape embroidered with yellow and green daisies. She wore a yellow daisy in her hair and carried colonial bouquet of white daisies and baby's breath with yellow long ribbons.

Bridesmaids were Mrs. Kimberly C. Vaughen, sister of the bride, of Newport News, Brenda Ragsdale of Newport News, Diane Cole of Farmville, Sally Abott of Lynchburg. Their dresses and bouquets were idential to the maid of honor.

Miss Susan Winn Williams, niece of the groom, was flower girl. Her dress was long white with yellow and green daisies. She wore a hair band of yellow daisies and dropped daisy petals as she went down the aisle.

Randolph Kent Williams of Pamplin, brother of the groom, was best man. Ushers were Howard T. Williams, brother of the groom, of Pamplin; Hal Smith of Lynchburg, Phillip Rice and David Gilliam both of Pamplin.

The bride's parents entertained with a dinner reception at the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #25 at Newport News.

The bride is a graduate of Longwood College. The groom graduated from Lynchburg College and is employed by the Juvenile Domestic Court in Apomattox.

After a southern wedding trip to Nags Head, N. C. the couple will live in Pamplin, Va.

Announce births

Vicky and Rector Foster of Concord are proud to announce the arrival of a daughter, Sarah Katherine. She was born on July 7, 1980 at Virginia Baptist Hospital in Lynchburg.

Maternal grandparents are Mrs. Louise Williamson and Richard Reed, both of Lynchburg.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Foster of Concord.

Bonnie and Teddy Townley of Richmond, are proud to announce the arrival of a son, Andrew Patrick, born Aug. 3, 1980 at Richmond, Va. in Richmond Memorial Hospital. He weighed in at 6 lbs 2½ oz. at 9:15 a.m. The Towleys have another son, Brett Mason Townley.

Materal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Granville Satterwhite of Richmond. Paternal grandparents are Mrs. Joyce Conyers and Dump Townley, both of Richmond.

Mrs. Chernault celebrates 84th birthday

Mrs. Janie Chernault celebrated her 84th birthday Saturday evening at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. (Andy) Anderson.

Her children and grandchildren were present for the occasion.

Everyone enjoyed a covered dish supper and birthday cake and ice cream and the fellowship together.

Mrs. Phelps celebrates 91st birthday

Mrs. Maude Nowlin Phelps of Gladstone was 91 years old on Monday, August 4. She was honored on Sunday with a family dinner and presented with an orchid corsage.

Married to the late James Nelson Phelps, Sr., they were the parents of six children: one daughter, Mrs. Syd W. Smith (Elizabeth) of Portsmouth, and five sons; Binford T. Phelps and James N. Phelps, Jr. of Gladstone, William D. Phelps of Virginia Beach, E. Calvin Phelps of Chesapeake and R. Allen Phelps of Baltimore, MD. She has eight grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

"Maude Ethel" was also visited by her sister, Mrs. Letha Manley, several nieces and friends during the weekend.

Classified Advertising Gets Results!

Times-Virginian *Social News*

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Whitehead and their son, Arnold B. Whitehead and family of Rustburg visited with Mr. and Mrs. James C. Whitehead and family at Cambridge, Ontoria, Canada last week.

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Dr. and Mrs. S. R. Lawson and family and Mrs. Mae Williamson are spending this week at Virginia Beach.

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Miss Dena Moore is a patient at a hospital in Greensboro, N.C., where she underwent an operation this week. Her mother, Mrs. Henry Moore, is there with her.

Shower honors Miss Vaughan

Miss Margaret Vaughan was honored with a floating miscellaneous shower Sunday afternoon, July 20, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Thelma Connor.

Other hostess were Mrs. Minerva Torrence, Mrs. Blanch Day, Mrs. Nedna Womack and Mrs. Eva Mayberry.

Miss Vaughan received many nice gifts.

The marriage of Miss Margaret Vaughan to Mr. Melvin Garrett took place Saturday afternoon, August 2, at 2:00 p.m. in Evergreen Baptist Church.

Wreck Island club slates meeting

The Wreck Island Extension Homemakers Club will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 12 at 9:30 a.m. in the home of Mrs. Dixie Staten.

The meeting will include a workshop on counted cross stitch. On Wednesday, Aug. 13 at 1:30 p.m. Wreck Island Extension Homemakers Club members will meet at Mrs. Staten's home for their regular meeting.

All members are urged to attend this meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald G. Adams, Rhonda and Ron, of Lynchburg, have just returned home after a two week visit with Mrs. Adams' brother, James R. Phelps (Jimmie) of Hercules, California. Mrs. Adams is the former Brenda Kay Phelps. Brenda and Jimmie are the children of Mr. and Mrs. James N. Phelps, Jr. of Gladstone.

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Grace Cunningham will enter Virginia Baptist Hospital Sunday to undergo surgery for a hernia.

She expects to be in the hospital about a week.

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Mrs. Charlotte L. Santomassimo, of Richmond and Mrs. Rachel F. Lawson spent last weekend in Bluefield, West Virginia as guests of Mrs. Harry H. Lawson and Miss Elizabeth Tuggle. En route home they visited Mrs. Roland (Red) Lawson, who is a patient at The Camelot Home in Lynchburg.

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Mrs. James C. Moore returned home Sunday after being a patient in the Virginia Baptist Hospital for 10 days.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Maxwell this week was Mrs. Dorothy Butler and grandson, Robbie Maxwell of Eddyville, Ky. Also James H. Maxwell BM-1 of Washington, D.C. A trip to Busch Gardens was made Sat.

Mrs. Carlisle Scruggs of Spout Spring and Mrs. John Smith of Midlothian just returned from a 10-day trip to Hawaii.

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Mrs. S. B. Kidd has been a patient in the Virginia Baptist Hospital for three weeks. Her condition is improving at this time.

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Hon. and Mrs. Watkins M. Abbitt and son, Watkins Abbitt, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kerr and two daughters are spending this week at Virginia Beach.

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